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Disposition of Oil from Zistersdorf

1. Sektionsrat Baselli in the Ministry for Trade and Reconstruction distributes the oil released by the Russian authorities to the Austrian Government. His superior is a certain Dr. Helmerich who is not an expert in matters pertaining to oil. Baselli is in close contact with Erich Kuenster, Bundesratmann der Erdöelgrosshändler (federal chairman of wholesale oil dealers).
2. OROP (Handelsaktiengesellschaft fuer Erdöel-Produkte oesterreichischer und russischer Provenienz) delivers the oil distributed by Baselli. OROP's Russian manager, Ossipov, does not always deliver the quantities promised for release by the Russian authorities. Manager Reinhardt does his best to distribute the established oil allocations to the Austrian economy. Koller is the public administrator of OROP.

Oel-Pool Schubertstrasse 14, Vienna I

3. The Oel-Pool (Shell Floridsdorfer Mineralöelfabrik), whose refinery in Floridsdorf is under Russian administration, is in charge of oil deliveries to the western provinces of Austria. However, its supplies have recently been cut by OROP. The managers of the Oel-Pool are Naschitz, Baron Hoeft, and Heger.

Holzkonstruktions-Gesellschaft Hartl, Sieveringerstrasse 2, Vienna, XIX

4. The owner of this lumber construction company, Dr. Engineer Friedrich Hartl, formerly built oil derricks in Zistersdorf. Hartl, a former National Socialist and an anti-Communist, still travels to Zistersdorf once or twice a week.

Yuzhtrans, Wohllebengasse 9, Vienna IV

5. The company, registered in the name of its manager Popov in the Handelsregister, is a member of the State transport Association of the USSR. Popov's Russian superior is Georg J. Stockfisch in Odessa. Stockfisch operates the main offices of the Association in Odessa, 29 Gogolskaya.
6. Yuzhtrans maintains approximately ninety-two trucks in Austria and approximately sixty-four trailers, of which thirty-two are single-axle and the remainder twin-axle. The truck park includes all types of vehicles. Twelve among them are five-ton Skoda vehicles, which were delivered during the summer of 1947 through the intermediary of NSIA in compensation for machinery. Recently, Yuzhtrans has only

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operated transports to southeastern Europe, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Russia. All transports to western Europe and western Austria, if ordered by USIA, are operated by the transport firm Schenker & Co.

Zentral Handelsbureau, Lothringerstrasse 8, Vienna IV

7. This central trading office for the Soviet Union deals only with the export of scrap iron. During the first half of 1947, 670 carloads of scrap iron were shipped to western countries.

Landlof-Vanag, A.G., Drardner Strasse 49, Vienna XX

8. The plant manufactures high-pressure sluice valves (Hochdruck-Wasserschieber). It is one of the largest USIA plants and has a yearly export turnover of two million schillings.

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